various employers' and employees' organisations was taken based on past precedents and considerations to broad-base the representation of various categories.

Extension of P.F. scheme

945. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Employees Provident Trust has taken decision to extend Provident Fund Scheme to all those establishments and shops which employ ten or more workers;

(b) if so, when this decision was taken and details thereof;

(c) how many more workers will be benefited by this decision in the country, State-wise approximate figures;

(d) how many Employees Provident Fund Offices are there in each State;

(e) what longest distance a worker will have to cover to reach a Provident Fund Office in each State;

(f) whether there is any proopsal to set more PF Offices in each State; if so, the details thereof; and

(g) whether Government propose to recruit more employees in PF Offices all over the country and modernise its infrastructures, if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) to (g) The Central Board of Trustees, Employees Provident Fund in its meeting held on 3.2.95 has decided to examine the modalities to extend the provisions of the EPF & MP Act, 1952 to establishments employing 10 or more persons. The Board has not completed its deliberations on the subject. As the proposal is in the embryonic stage, it is difficult to furnish the requisite details.

The new offices are opened and more staff is recruited on the basis of the prescribed norms as and when the need for the same arises. A massive computerisation programme has already been launched in the EPF Organisation for providing improved and speedy services to the subscribers.

As far as possible the EPF offices have been set up keeping in view the concentration of the subscribers in each State. The Region-wise number of EPF Offices are 24 in Andhra Pradesh, 22 in Bihar 4 in Delhi, 17 in Gujarat, 7 in Haryana, 18 in Karnataka, 11 in Kerala, 13 in Madhya Pradesh, 20 in Maharashtra, 9 in NE region, 10 in Orissa, 16 in Punjab, 12 in Rajasthan, 29 in Tamil Nadu, 24 in Uttar Pradesh and 17 in West Bengal.

Survey on employment of child labour in Small Scale Industries

946. SHRIMATI CHANDRIKA ABHINANDAN JAIN: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have conducted any survey on employment of child labour in small scale industries like carpet, cracker, leather and handloom industries;

(b) if so, the details thereof Statewise as on 31st December, 1994; and

(c) the steps taken by Government for education, training and welfare of the child labour?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.